cities has been formulated by the Planning Commission. Proposals received from the State Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for infrastructural development in the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad respectively have been recommended to the Planning Commission. Bangalore city also will be covered. However, proposals from Govt. of Karnataka for Bangalore has not been received by the Ministry.

(d) to (f) Discussions have been held with the State Governments by the Planning Commission. No final decision has been arrived at regarding size of projects to be taken up in each of these cities and the pattern of funding.

Case of high handedness by MCD

4614. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) threw out the furniture and equipments of habitat polytechnic in Delhi recently to house the Transport Department;

(b) if so, what is the loss suffered by the Institute as a consequence thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for resorting to such a course of action by the MCD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have denied the allegation.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above, do not arise.

Fire at Nirula's Restaurant at Connaught Place

4615. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any fire at Nirula's Restaurant at Connaught Place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; whether any case has since been registered; if not, why;

(c) whether they have a licence to run hotel and restaurant; if so, details thereof;

(d) whether they have a licence from Delhi Fire Service and by when Delhi Fire Service inspected the premises last and any report has been filed, if so, details thereof;

(e) whether any violation of rules have been found or not;

(f) whether it is a fact that they have converted mezzanine floor of the hotel into restaurant in violation of rules; whether it is also a fact that there is hardly any distance between the Airconditioning plant and gas room of the hotel; and

(g) what immediate steps Government propose to take for prosecution of the management for violation of rules and seal the hotel till the hotel has complied with all safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A minor fire incident in the kitchen of Pot Pourri, one of the Restaurants of Nirula's Hotel, situated at Connaught Place, New Delhi, had occurred on 12-8-93 at 12.05 P.M., which was controlled by the staff of the Nirula's Restaurant promptly within half an hour with the help of fire services officers and fire fighting gadgets available in the restau-

rant. There was no loss of life or property as the fire was restricted to the kitchen only. No case has been registered as no offence was made out.

(c) The Nirula's hotel possesses licence No. 1/ER/A/ND Distt '82 for 47 bed in 29 rooms granted under Regulations for keeping places of Public Entertainment in U.T. of Delhi valid upto 31-3-94. Six Eating Houses (Restaurants) are also functioning in the Nirula's Hotel. Out of these four are at ground floor and two at mezzanine floor. All these restaurants are in possession of Registration Certificates No. 4 to 9/Conn. Place/New Delhi valid upto 31-12-93 granted under the Delhi Eating Houses Registration Regulations, 1980.

(d) The Delhi Fire Service does not issue any licence. However, a N.O.C. from fire safety & means of escape point of view was issued on 23-3-1993.

(e) and (g) The management of the hotel has not violated any rules in running the hotel as well as restaurants. All safety measures have been complied with. As such, the question of prosecution does not arise.

(f) The mezzanine floor of the hotel has been converted into two restaurants with the approval of NDMC. The air conditioning plant and gas room of the hotel are situated about 12 feet distance from each other.

Availability of water in Metropolitan Cities

4616. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average per capita availability of water in major metropolitan cites; and

(b) what steps are being taken to improve per capita availability of water in major metropolitan cities in the country in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The average per capita availability of water is as under:—

		(LPCD)
1.	Delhi	— 70/259
	Bombay	— 202
3.	Calcutta	— 91/213
4.	Madras	— 70

(b) DELHI: The following works have been taken in hand for augmentation of water supply to Delhi:—

(i) Second 100 mgd water treatment plant at Hyderpur has been commissioned on 18.5.93 and the second phase is in the advanced stage of completion.

(ii) 40 mag water treatment plant at Nangloi is under construction.

(iii) Tenders have been called for construction of 20 mgd water treatment plant at Bawana.

On completion of these projects, the per capita availability of water will increase by 25 to 30 LPCD. The following medium term schemes have also been proposed:—

(a) Availability of raw water from Tehri dam;

(b) Construction of Renuka Dam.

(c) Construction of Kishau Dam.

BOMBAY: Third stage of Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project is under execution at a cost of Rs. 800 crores. This Project is expected to be completed by June, 1994, raising the availability of water to 230 LPCD.

MADRAS: The project for bringing Krishna river water from Srisailam reservoir of Andhra Pradesh to Tamil Nadu is under execution and it is expected to be completed by June, 1995 and the availability of per capita water is expected to increase upto 104 LPCD.